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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF AFL-CIO VISIT TO RHODESIA

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1. FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF ARTICLE ON SUBJECT VISIT WHICH APPEARED IN JUNE 3 EDITION OF RHODESIAN HERALD. BEGIN QUOTE: FOUR DELEGATES OF AMERICA'S BIGGEST TRADE UNION, THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR-CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS, ARRIVED IN SALISBURY YESTERDAY FOR A SEVEN-DAY FACT-FINDING VISIT. MR. MARTIN WARD, DELEGATION LEADER AND THE UNION VICE-PRESIDENT, SAID THE DELEGATION WAS NOT HERE "TO GET INVOLVED IN ANY WAY IN ANY POLITICAL PROBLEMS". THE GROUP'S INTENTION WAS TO MAKE CONTACT WITH RHODESIAN TRADE UNIONS TO DISCUSS PROGRAMMES OF MUTUAL COOPERATION AND AS A MATTER OF "REGULAR CONTACT WITH OUR TRADE UNION AND THEIRS". HE STRESSED THE VISIT WAS STRICTLY NON-PARTISAN AND NON-POLITICAL. IT DID NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE POSSIBLE EMERGENCE OF A NEW GOVERNMENT IN RHODESIA, NEITHER DID THE AFL-CIO HAVE ANY VIEWS ON THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S HANDLING UNCLASSIFIED

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OF RHODESIA. THEIR PURPOSE WAS TO DISCUSS UNION BUSINESS, HE SAID.... DURING THEIR VISIT, THE DELEGATION WILL MEET MEMBERS OF THE

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, MINISTERS, TRADE UNION LEADERS AND BUSINESS LEADERS. END QUOTE.

- 2. JUNE 10 EDITION OF RHODESIAN HERALD CARRIED FOLLOWING SHORT REPORT ON DELEGATION DEPARTURE. BEGIN QUOTE: THE VISITING DELEGATION OF US TRADE UNIONISTS LEFT FOR HOME YESTERDAY, AFTER A WEEK IN RHODESIA IN WHICH THEY VISITED SALISBURY, BULAWAYO, AND OTHER CENTRES. MR. JERRY FUNK SAID THAT THE VISIT HAD BEEN "USEFUL AND INFORMATIVE". HE SAID THAT THE DELEGATES WOULD SUBMIT REPORTS TO THEIR INDIVIDUAL UNIONS, AND TO THE PRINCIPAL US TRADE UNION BODY, THE AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOUR-CONGRESS OF INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS. THE VISIT WAS ORGANIZED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. END QUOTE.
- 3. FULL TEXTS WITH PHOTO POUCHED TO AF/I. JOHNSON

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